

Senate Resolution 736

By: Senator Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mwangi Mukami; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mwangi Mukami was born on November 1, 1984, in Kawangware, located in
3 an informal settlement dubbed *rurii rwa Sodom* (the bush of Sodom), in Nairobi, Kenya.

4 WHEREAS, Mwangi Mukami grew up in an impoverished and struggling neighborhood, but
5 his resilience and drive to outgrow his disadvantaged upbringing galvanized him to become
6 the first male Children's President and the most influential member of Kenya's Children's
7 Parliament in 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to that, he served as the Children's Vice President in 2001; Junior Minister
9 for Education, Science & Technology in 2000; and the spokesperson for the Children's
10 Cabinet; and

11 WHEREAS, his passionate advocacy for children's rights earned him the prestigious East
12 Africa Child Lieutenant of the Year Award in 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, at the age of 14, he founded the CETA Global Ministry, a network of slum
14 pastors that reaches out and rehabilitates drug addicts, street workers, and orphaned children;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, he was the first child-anchor of the *Ni sisi* program, and he became an icon of
17 children's rights issues when the clamor for the respect of the United Nations charter on
18 children's rights reached its peak; and

19 WHEREAS, the local media dubbed him a "seasoned lieutenant of children's rights," and he
20 became the only children's representative in the convened Bomas Constitutional Conference,
21 where he contributed immensely and served as an adjudicator and cochair on various review
22 committees; and

1 WHEREAS, Mwangi Mukami founded the National Youth Parliament and served as its
2 founding president for two years, co-founded the National Community-Based Organizations
3 Council and served as an executive director in 2004 and 2005, and is currently president of
4 the World Teens Federation and the ad litem guardian of the Africa Teens Federation; and

5 WHEREAS, he also serves as the chairperson honoree of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Africa
6 Foundation, which he founded as an instrument of his philanthropic work in Africa and for
7 Africa; and

8 WHEREAS, Mwangi Mukami is a successful publicity management consultant, a
9 motivational speaker, a leadership trainer, and the proprietor of the African Institute for
10 International Peace (IIP-Africa).

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
12 recognize and congratulate Mwangi Mukami on his outstanding accomplishments and extend
13 to him their best wishes for continued success.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
15 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mwangi Mukami.